

pointed out, we have a very limited staff at DED, very limited attention focused on this particular area within DED. And here we are promoting ourselves as an economic development state, and yet we're doing nothing to promote ourselves outside of the state on the international level where opportunities abound, I think. We're one of five, or six, or seven states that don't have any, any presence world wide, and I think this bill would have had...helped build on that. So I will, I will ask for your favorable vote on this override.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is, shall the veto of LB 1019 be overridden? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read as found on pages 2034-35 of the Legislative Journal.) 12 ayes, 31 nays, Mr. President, on the override.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. LB 503.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB...Senators Kristensen, Baack, Chambers, Bernard-Stevens and Goodrich would move that LB 503 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kristensen, please.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. LB 503 is not one of those politically sensitive bills, it's certainly not one that's controversial, no matter which side of the fence you're on, but it's one that we probably should do. It's the raise of the constitutional officers. Senator Baack will go through with you and try to give you some idea, since it's out of the Government Committee, what those raises are exactly, it will give him something to do when I give him some of my time. Seriously, this is one of those issues that I don't understand why they get vetoed, but they do. And I think previous Governor's have vetoed these bills for a variety of reasons because they fear political reprisals, they fear adverse reaction. Somewhere we've got to stand up and say, look, the people who are going to be the chief executive officer of this state, not only the Governor, but the Attorney General, the Auditor, the Secretary of State and so on deserve to be fairly compensated, they lack poorly. They are far behind their colleagues in every other state in this country. I assume that you remember our discussion about where they rank, particularly